**WIKI WORK June 2010**

**Choose your favorite summertime toy and ask someone to make your picture with it. Then we will upload it to the summertimewiki file and you can include it on your page. Be creative!**

**What is a wiki?**

* Wiki is a Hawaiian word for fast
* A wiki is a website that allows you to easily create, edit, monitor and facilitate student work, projects, collaboration and discussions.

**What do you do with a wiki?**

* Ask for student responses to books, classwork/class discussions and projects
* Show off student work to demonstrate understanding or for an audience
* Allow students to create pages for fun, to communicate, to organize for presentation
* Post text, images and files
* Increase communication and collaboration

**Example:** [**http://21centuryedtech.wikispaces.com/**](http://21centuryedtech.wikispaces.com/)

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**Working in the SUMMERTIMEWIKI**

* Log in to **summertimewiki.wikispaces.com**
* Click on **JOIN THIS WIKI**
  + If you do not have an account, click on **JOIN WIKISPACES NOW**
  + Create a username and password (you may need to try several usernames before you find one that works)
* If you have an account, simply log in.
  + Notice a listing of all the wikis of which you are a member under “my wikis”

**Click on New Page then choose a title for your page that includes your name**

1. Upload a picture from the summertimewiki file to your page SAVE
   1. Click on the green square in the editor bar to see the files
2. Take a picture of yourself using a summertime prop and upload it to your page SAVE
   1. For instructions, click on HELP then EDITING A PAGE then ADDING IMAGES AND UPLOADING FILES
   2. I will be happy to upload your pictures to a public file so that you can access them.
3. Send a message to Cathy when you have completed this step
   1. Click on DISCUSSION tab at the top of the page
   2. Click on NEW POST then enter information then click POST
4. Create a NEW PAGE and list 3 ways that you can use a wiki in your classroom SAVE
   1. See board for suggestions
   2. Use bullets or numbers
   3. Highlight text then click on the text editor to change the font, size and color of the text (the big T)
5. Insert a horizontal line then create a link to the AHS web site
   1. The horizontal line button is in the editing bar
   2. Click on HELP then EDITING A PAGE
   3. You can highlight text and click on the gray chain link
   4. You can create an external or internal link
   5. You can have it pop up in another window
   6. SAVE

Note of caution. Save frequently. Sometimes when you click the BACK button, an error message appears and the browser shuts down. If you haven’t saved your work – it is gone.

Notice when you save that it saves in pacific time – 3 hours previously.

**Wikispaces offers free wikis to educators. ANYONE can view them but only members can edit them. You can request a complimentary upgrade to PLUS if you verify that the wiki is only used for education. In PLUS, only members are allowed to read or edit the wiki.**

**Creating your OWN wiki**

1. Create your own wiki at [www.wikispaces.com](http://www.wikispaces.com/)
2. Choose a name for your wiki
   1. Make sure that you select k12 type of wiki
3. Determine whether your wiki will be public or protected
4. You can request a free upgrade for private
5. Select a theme and organization for your page
   1. Click on manage wiki then themes and colors
6. Use the default logo or provide your own (remember to keep it small)
7. On the Home page, click EDIT to add your own information SAVE
8. Add a new page with a title
   1. Include a picture with text
   2. Include a link with text
9. Invite [cwray@asheboro.k12.nc.us](mailto:cwray@asheboro.k12.nc.us) and one other teacher to become a member of your wiki
   1. Click on manage wiki then invite people

**Door prize of a summertime toy to be given away at the end of the session.**

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